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 THE WAVEPLATE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to The Advisory Official Action dated December 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a copy of the article "Stability of birefringent linear retarders (waveplates)" by P.D. Hale et al., as referenced in the remarks section of this paper, is attached following page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a copy of the Certified Copy as received from the Canadian Patent Office is attached.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant respectfully requests that the drawings objection be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is found.